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High Priority

Agency number: 143

The intent of this drafting request is to direct the department to organize and assist in maintaining a nonstock nonprofit corporation for the purpose of raising capital for companies in emerging industries in the state. The corporation would work with technology transfer offices of universities and colleges and directly with entrepreneurs to strategically connect them to sources of capital and management expertise.

The corporation would focus on preparing companies for angel and venture capital investments. In addition, the corporation would provide research and analysis services on potential investment opportunities, as well as space for meetings between investors and portfolio companies.

The corporation would be eligible to receive a grant from the department under a new * annual-GPR appropriation. From the new appropriation, the department shall make a one-time grant of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 for start-up capital and reasonable administrative expenses. The department may make grants from the new appropriation of up to \$350,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 and up to \$500,000 in any fiscal year thereafter to the corporation if it meets the same requirements as currently exist under

* s. 560.27(3)(a) and (b).

The corporation would be required to annually provide a report on its activities to the Governor. The assets and liabilities of the corporation would be separate from the state, political subdivisions of the state and the department. None of those entities guarantees any obligation of or has any obligation to the corporation, nor is liable for any debt or liability of the corporation.

The membership would be the same as under s. 560.27(2).

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The corporation is modeled closely on the language in 1999 Act 106 (attached).

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Date of enactment: April 28, 2000 Date of publication*: May 12, 2000

1999 WISCONSIN ACT 106

AN ACT to create 20.143 (1) (d) and 560.27 of the statutes; relating to: a nonprofit corporation to promote the development of high-technology businesses and making an appropriation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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(d) High-technology business development				
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SECTION 2. 20.143 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

20.143 (1) (d) High-technology business development corporation. The amounts in the schedule for the grants specified in s. 560.27 (1) (b) and (3).

SECTION 3. 560.27 of the statutes is created to read: 560.27 High-technology business development corporation. (1) (a) The department shall organize and assist in maintaining a high-technology business development corporation as a nonstock, nonprofit corporation under ch. 181 for the exclusive purpose of promoting and supporting the creation, development and retention of science-based and technology-based businesses in the state. In furtherance of its purpose, the corporation shall establish and implement programs focused on key elements necessary for the success of high-technology firms, including entrepreneurs, businesses, professional

services, seed and venture capital, universities and state government.

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- (b) From the appropriation under s. 20.143 (1) (d), the department shall make a one-time grant of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the high-technology business development corporation for start-up capital and reasonable administrative expenses of the corporation.
- (2) (a) The high-technology business development corporation shall be governed by a board of directors, consisting of the secretary, or his or her designee, the president of the University of Wisconsin System, or his or her designee, the director of the technical college system board, or his or her designee, the president of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, or his or her designee, and at least 11 other members, one or more of whom represents each of the following categories:

^{*} Section 991.11, Wisconsin Statutes 1997–98: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

- 1. Entrepreneurs in the state.
- 2. High-technology businesses in the state.
- 3. The state's venture capital industry.
- 4. The state's investment banking industry.
- 5. Local governments in the state.
- 6. The state's business development community.
- 7. Professionals in the state who are experienced in providing services to persons specified in subds. 1. to 6.
- (b) The members who are representatives of the categories under par. (a) 1. to 7. shall serve 5—year terms. Of the initial members who are representatives of the categories under par. (a) 1. to 7., one shall be appointed by the senate majority leader, one shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, one shall be appointed by the senate minority leader, one shall be appointed by the assembly minority leader and at least 7 shall be appointed by the governor. The high—technology business development corporation, in its bylaws, shall specify the method for electing new members who are representatives of the categories under par. (a) 1. to 7. and for filling vacancies.
- (3) (a) Subject to par. (c), the department may make a grant to the high-technology business development corporation, from the appropriation under s. 20.143 (1) (d), if all of the following apply:
- 1. The corporation submits an expenditure plan to the department detailing the proposed use of the grant proceeds and the secretary approves the plan.
- 2. The corporation enters into a written agreement with the department that specifies the conditions for the use of the grant proceeds, including reporting and auditing requirements.
- 3. The corporation provides matching funds equal to 50% of the grant proceeds.

- 4. The corporation provides to the department information requested by the department about private funding the corporation has received or will receive for the purposes detailed in the expenditure plan under subd. 1.
- 5. The corporation agrees in writing to submit to the department the report required by par. (b) by the time required under par. (b).
- (b) If the corporation receives a grant under this subsection, the corporation shall submit to the department, within 6 months after spending the full amount of the grant, a report detailing how the grant proceeds were used.
- (c) The department may not make grants under this subsection that exceed \$200,000 in total in fiscal year 2000-01, or that exceed \$250,000 in total in any fiscal year thereafter.
- (4) Annually, the high-technology business development corporation shall provide a report on its activities to the appropriate standing committees of each house of the legislature in the manner provided under s. 13.172 (3) and to the governor.
- (5) The assets transferred to, and the assets and liabilities of, the high-technology business development corporation shall be separate from all other assets and liabilities of the state, of all political subdivisions of the state and of the department. Neither the state, any political subdivision of the state nor the department guarantees any obligation of or has any obligation to the high-technology business development corporation. Neither the state, any political subdivision of the state nor the department is liable for any debt or liability of the high-technology business development corporation.



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COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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The department must make a one-time grant of \$150,000 to the corporation for start-up capital and administrative expenses. Thereafter, the department may make grants to the corporation if the corporation submits an expenditure plan that is approved by the secretary of commerce, the corporation provides 50% of the funding for the project from other sources, the corporation provides information requested by the department related to funds received for the project from private sources and the corporation enters into a written agreement with the department related to the use of the grant proceeds. Every time the corporation receives a grant from the department, it must submit a report to the department with detailed information on how it spent the grant proceeds. Not including the start-up grant, the department may grant no more than \$350,000 to the corporation in fiscal year 2007-08 and no more than \$500,000 in a fiscal year thereafter.

The corporation is to be governed by a board of directors that includes the secretary of commerce or his or her designee, the secretary of financial institutions or his or her designee, the president of the University of Wisconsin System or his or

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her designee, and at least 11 other members who are appointed by the governor and who represent entrepreneurs in the state, high-technology businesses in the state, the state's venture capital industry, the state's investment banking industry, local governments in the state and professionals who are experienced in providing services to persons in the aforementioned categories. Every year, the corporation must submit a report on its activities to the governor.

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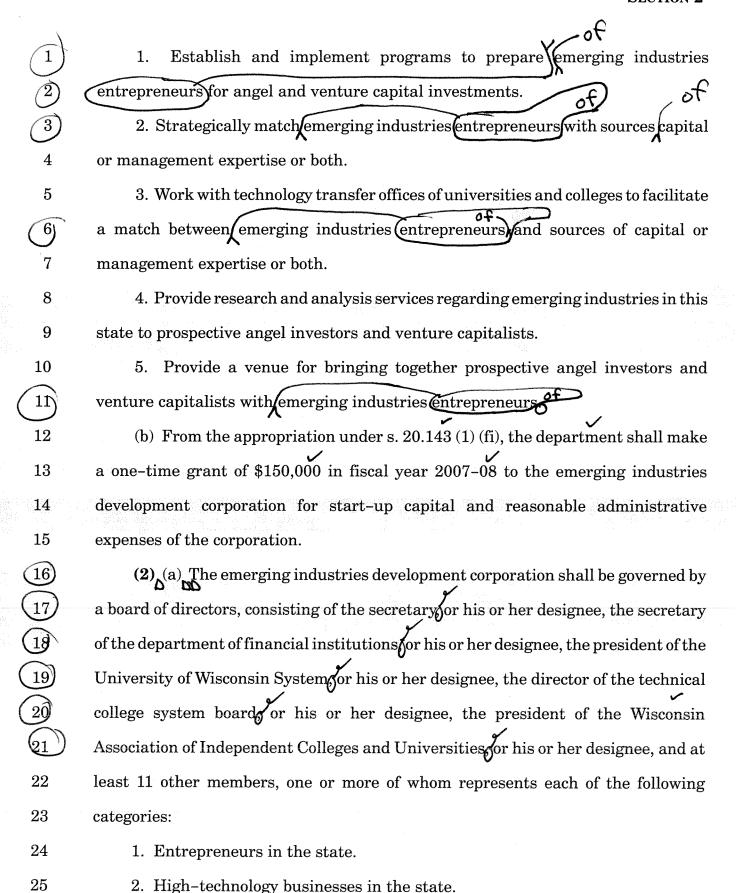
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- 20.143 (1) (fi) Wisconsin venture center. The amounts in the schedule for the grants specified in s. 560.20 (1) (b) and (3).

****NOTE: This Section involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

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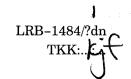
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Date

ATTN: Kirsten Grinde

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The drafting instructions did not explicitly require the new emerging industries development corporation ("corporation") to submit an annual report to the appropriate standing committees of each house of the legislature. Such a requirement is included, however, for the high-technology business corporation established in Section 560.27, on which the corporation is closely modeled. As drafted, the corporation is only required to submit such a report to the governor. See proposed section 560.20 (4). Did the department wish to require the corporation to report to the legislature as well?

Please let me know if you would like me to make any changes to the attached draft.

Tracy K. Kuczenski Legislative Attorney Phone: (608) 266-8967

E-mail: tracy.kuczenski@legis.wisconsin.gov

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Kuczenski, Tracy

From:

Grinde, Kirsten - DOA

Sent:

Monday, January 29, 2007 10:06 AM

To:

Kuczenski, Tracy

Subject: Changes to LRB 1484/1

Tracy,

Please make the following changes to LRB 1484/1:

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- 2) On page 3, lines 16 to 23, remove the director of the technical college system board and the president of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. In addition, limit the number of representatives to no more than 12.
- 3) On page 4, lines 7 to 14, modify the appointing provision to indicate that the Governor will make all appointments of representatives.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

Kirsten

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2. No more than 12 additional representatives

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Kuczenski, Tracy

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Sent:

Monday, January 29, 2007 11:50 AM

To:

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Subject: FW: Changes to LRB 1484/1

Tracy,

The clarification on the membership in item #2 below has come through. Please also remove the president of the UW System. The limit of 12 applies to the representatives, not the entire board.

Therefore the board should consist of the two secretaries and no more than 12 other members representing the groups in the current draft.

Thanks for your help on this.

Kirsten

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This bill requires the department to organize and assist in maintaining the Wisconsin Venture Center (WVC), a nonprofit corporation with the purpose of raising capital to promote and support emerging industries in the state.

The department must make a one-time grant of \$150,000 to WVC for start-up capital and administrative expenses. Thereafter, the department may make grantsy

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WVC is to be governed by a board of directors that includes: the secretary of commerce or his or her designee; the secretary of financial institutions or his or her designee; the president of the UW System or his or her designee; and at least 11 other members who are appointed by the governor and who represent entrepreneurs in the state, high-technology businesses in the state, the state's venture capital industry, the state's investment banking industry, local governments in the state, and professionals who are experienced in providing services to persons in the aforementioned categories. Annually, WVC must submit a report on its activities to the governor.

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1 1. Establish and implement programs to prepare entrepreneurs of emerging 2 industries for angel and venture capital investments. 3 2. Strategically match entrepreneurs of emerging industries with sources of 4 capital or management expertise or both. 5 3. Work with technology transfer offices of universities and colleges to facilitate 6 a match between entrepreneurs of emerging industries and sources of capital or 7 management expertise or both. 8 4. Provide research and analysis services regarding emerging industries in this 9 state to prospective angel investors and venture capitalists. 10 5. Provide a venue for bringing together prospective angel investors and 11 venture capitalists with entrepreneurs of emerging industries. (b) From the appropriation under s. 20.143 (1) (fi), the department shall make 12 700,000 13 a one-time grant of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 to the emerging industries 14 development corporation for start-up capital and reasonable administrative 15 expenses of the corporation 16 (2) (a) The emerging industries development corporation shall be governed by a board of directors, consisting of the secretary or his or her designee, the secretary 17 18 of the department of financial institutions or his or her designee, the president of the University of Wisconsin System or his or her designee, the director of the technical 19 college system board or his or her designee, the president of the Wisconsin 20 Association of Independent Colleges and Universities or his or her designee, and at 21 least 11 other members, one or more of whom represents each of the following 2223 categories: 24 1. Entrepreneurs in the state.

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Kuczenski, Tracy

From:

Grinde, Kirsten - DOA

Sent:

Monday, January 29, 2007 7:12 PM

To:

Kuczenski, Tracy

Subject: Change to LRB 1484/2

Tracy,

Please make the following change to LRB 1484/2:

On the bottom of page 3 to top of page 4, add a category called "research institutions" to the list of potential board members.

Thanks,

Kirsten



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From: Grinde, Kirsten - DOA

Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2007 5:21 PM

To: Kuczenski, Tracy Subject: LRB 1484 change

Tracy,

Please strike local government representatives from the groups that may be represented on the board (page 4, line 6 of 1484/3)

Thank you for all your time and effort on this draft.

Kirsten



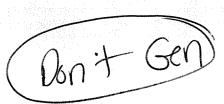
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